

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK NOVEMBER 15 - 21, 2021

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week was established in 2015 to raise awareness of the meaningful contributions apprenticeship programs in the United States make to our country's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has reached more than 11,000 registered apprentices currently earning and learning in the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program - representing another record participation rate in the program's history. The number of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities continues to broaden and diversify to include new industry sectors and occupations; and

WHEREAS, Maryland continues to provide opportunities for the state's youth through the Apprenticeship Maryland Program youth apprenticeship initiative, which has expanded to include twenty of our state's twenty-four local public school systems and is viewed as a National and International model; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hogan's primary commitment to make Maryland more business friendly and continuously improving the state's economic competitiveness is reinforced by the dynamic growth of Maryland apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS, Maryland steadfastly works to expand our private sector businesses and connect more of its citizens to attractive opportunities for work, thereby invigorating our economy. The Hogan Administration continues to promote Registered Apprenticeships as the premier workforce solution for businesses and job seekers alike; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is honored to join its fellow states across the United States, to share our sincere gratitude to individual apprentices, program sponsors, local businesses and mentors, state and local government employees, educational institutions, volunteers on the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council and the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Council, and all others who have contributed to the growth of apprenticeship in our state, for their hard work and dedicated service in order to achieve such excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER

15 - 21, 2021 as NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK in Maryland, this and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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